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## LS/CMI TRAINING SCHEDULE

- **April 7-11, 2014**  
LS/CMI+Y Workshop  
State Police PDC  
Registration Closed
- **June 2014**  
Motivational Interviewing  
Workshop  
Registration to be announced
- **June 2014**  
LS/CMI T4T Training  
Registration to be announced
- **July 2014**  
LS/CMI T4T Recertification  
Registration to be announced

## RESOURCES

BJS's Center for Program  
Evaluation and Performance  
Measurement

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/index.html>

OJP's Crime Solutions  
[www.crimesolutions.gov](http://www.crimesolutions.gov)

Justice Research and Statistics  
Association (JRSA)  
[www.jrsa.org](http://www.jrsa.org)

National Criminal Justice Reference  
Services (NIC)  
[www.nicic.org](http://www.nicic.org)

## SAC WINS TOP THREE JRSA ANNUAL AWARDS

The ORSP is pleased to announce that it has been the recipient of all three 2013 award categories given by the Justice Research and Statistics Association (JRSA). JRSA recognized the WVORSP in all of the award categories. The ORSP received the following:

- 2013 Douglas Yearwood National Publication Award in Statistical/Management. *[Improving State Capacity for Crime Reporting: An Exploratory Analysis of Data Quality and Imputation Methods Using NIBRS Data](#)*  
Christina R. LaValle, Stephen M. Haas, Erica Turley, James J. Nolan
- 2013 Website Award - [www.djcs.wv.gov/SAC](http://www.djcs.wv.gov/SAC)
- 2013 SAC Technical Innovation Award - *[Project IDA: Making Statistics Accessible through Interactive Data Analysis](#)*

With the receipt of these three awards, the ORSP is now only the second Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) in the nation to receive all three awards in the same year. In recent years, the ORSP also has received more national recognitions for analytical and technically innovative work from JRSA and BJS than any other SAC in the nation. To read more about these awards, visit <http://www.jrsa.org/awards/index.html>.

## THE ORSP WELCOMES THREE NEW STAFF MEMBERS

### Leighann J. Davidson, Research Specialist

Ms. Davidson holds a B.S. in Criminal Justice and a M.S. in Law Enforcement and Administration, which were both received from West Virginia State University. Leighann assists with the statewide implementation of the LS/CMI, is a certified LS/CMI and YLS/CMI Trainer and will be serving as the VAWA/VOCA liaison. You may reach Leighann at [Leighann.J.Davidson@wv.gov](mailto:Leighann.J.Davidson@wv.gov).

### Nicholas Dunbar, Research Specialist

Mr. Dunbar holds a B.A. in Psychology from Vanderbilt University and a M.A. in Mental Health Counseling from Marshall University. Nick assists with the statewide implementation of the LS/CMI, will become a certified LS/CMI and YLS/CMI Trainer and is providing quality assurance related to recidivism reduction and offender treatment programs. You may reach Nick at [Nicholas.K.Dunbar@wv.gov](mailto:Nicholas.K.Dunbar@wv.gov).

### Dr. Douglas Spence, Research Specialist

Dr. Spence holds a B.A. from Ohio University and a Ph.D. from The University of Tennessee in political science. Dr. Spence comes to us from Marshall University, where he served as an adjunct professor of political science. Dr. Spence will use his experience to prepare population forecasts and conduct outcome research on community corrections programs. You may reach Dr. Spence at [Douglas.H.Spence@wv.gov](mailto:Douglas.H.Spence@wv.gov).

## DRUG MARKET INTERVENTION PROJECT



The ORSP has been working with the Charleston Police Department as a research partner to assist with the planning phase and to collect data for evaluating the Drug Market Intervention (DMI) project. The DMI project is a community and problem oriented policing strategy that aims to transform a targeted area into a drug-free, safe community. As part of the DMI project, the ORSP recently designed, distributed, and analyzed a survey to assess the needs and concerns of the West Side community of Charleston. CPD has shared the results of the survey with local media and plans to use the results to guide a strategic plan aimed at community revitalization and reducing crime. Follow the link to view the news article and survey results.

<http://www.wowktv.com/story/24143671/charleston-police-analyze-new-dmi-crime-survey-results>

## SANE COMMISSION

HB 108 was passed by the 2014 legislature establishing the Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Commission. This Commission was created within the Governor's Committee on Crime, Delinquency and Correction, and strengthens the collaborative efforts between WVFRIS, the SANE Advisory Board, the State Police Forensic Lab, and the ORSP. The Commission will be responsible for establishing, managing, and monitoring a statewide system to facilitate the timely and efficient collection of forensic evidence in sexual assault cases. In addition, mandatory statewide protocols for conducting sexual assault forensic examinations shall be established by the Commission. ORSP has previously worked with the SANE Advisory Board on issues related to measurement of evidence quality and will continue to be involved with the work of this Commission. ([http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Bill\\_Status/bills\\_history.cfm?INPUT=108&year=2014&sessiontype=1X](http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Bill_Status/bills_history.cfm?INPUT=108&year=2014&sessiontype=1X))

## COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS RESEARCH

The ORSP newest project centers on community corrections research. The project consists of two reports that focus on program completion and recidivism rates within day report centers (DRC). The first report investigates the factors which influence the likelihood that DRC clients successfully completed their program and provides a preliminary examination of the relationship between the manner in which clients exited the DRC and their risk of rearrest during the two years following their release. The second report will build on this work by presenting a more in-depth analysis of the different causes of recidivism by DRC clients, and will examine the different patterns of recidivist activity which were exhibited by DRC clients over time. Both reports make use of the same sample of roughly 2,000 clients who were all directly sentenced to DRCs and released at some point during the year 2011. Preliminary results for the first report suggest that a number of factors related to clients' demographic characteristics, living situations, criminal histories and level of recidivism risk (as assessed by the LS/CM risk assessment tool) all had a statistically significant impact on their probability of successfully completing the program, and that the clients who completed the program were less likely to be arrested during the two year follow up period. For more information about this project, please contact Dr. Douglas Spence at [Douglas.H.Spence@wv.gov](mailto:Douglas.H.Spence@wv.gov) or Dr. Stephen Haas at [Stephen.M.Haas@wv.gov](mailto:Stephen.M.Haas@wv.gov).

## WRITING A GRANT?



The ORSP has an Interactive Data source available. Project IDA (Interactive Data Analysis) can be used to construct your own queries on specific data sets. The tool currently allows you to gather detailed statistics on DOC and day report populations and law enforcement incidents from 2007-2012.

<http://www.djcs.wv.gov/SAC/Pages/interactivedata.aspx>

## LS/CMI QUALITY ASSURANCE

The ORSP continues efforts related to the statewide implementation of the LS/CMI and its related components. SB 371 passed in 2013, directs the Division of Justice and Community Services to implement a standardized risk and needs assessment, evaluate effectiveness of other modifications to community corrections programs and provide an annual report. The purpose of the annual quality assurance report is to ensure proper implementation and integrity of programs and strategies over time. The QA reports also offer feedback and provide insight and clarification in areas where improvements can be made.

The QA process is centered on peer-to-peer and supervisors reporting electronic information to the ORSP. All LS/CMI Users are submitting three peer-to-peer forms twice a year, which allows for a continuous learning process that reinforces the skills and knowledge required of Users. These forms provide immediate feedback and training to the reviewed User. The agencies that are participating in the form submission process are the Division of Corrections (DOC), Parole Services, the Division of Juvenile Services (DJS) and all day report centers (DRC) in the state. The forms are:

1) Assessment Review

- a) Provides information on the completeness and accuracy of one assessment. This form relies on identifying if all sections are complete and inter-rater reliability to determine and resolve scoring discrepancies.

2) Case Management Review

- a) Provides information on the completeness and reasoning of one case management plan. This form relies on peer review to determine if the highest identified criminogenic needs were appropriately targeted by the case management plan.

3) Quality of Motivational Interviewing Skills

- a) Provides information on the motivational interviewing (MI) skill level during one interview. This form relies on peer review to provide a Likert scaled score to identify proficiencies and weaknesses.

In addition to the peer-to-peer forms, there is one form that is completed by the LS/CMI User's Supervisor once a year. The form is:

4) Annual Relationship Skills Assessment Form for Supervisors

- a) Provides information on the adherence to core correctional practices by the User over the course of a year. This is a global review that encompasses the use of the LS/CMI, as well as daily interactions.

The JCEBP has collected and analyzed the Statewide Quality Assurance Report for LS/CMI Administration and Application for July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. The ORSP issued a statistical analysis report on the Assessment Review, Case Management Review, Quality of Motivational Interviewing Skills and Annual Relationship Skills Assessment Form for Supervisors to the Department of Corrections as well as the day report centers in the state. For questions regarding the Quality Assurance measures for the LS/CMI, please contact Leighann Davidson at [Leighann.J.Davidson@wv.gov](mailto:Leighann.J.Davidson@wv.gov).



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